

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BONN 13953 041601Z

42

ACTION DLOS-07

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 EUR-25 IO-14 ISO-00 ACDA-19 INT-08 EB-11

SSO-00 NSCE-00 INRE-00 DRC-01 USIE-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00

PM-07 H-03 INR-11 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04 RSC-01

PRS-01 SP-03 SS-20 AID-20 CEQ-02 COA-02 COME-00

EPA-04 NSF-04 SCI-06 FEAE-00 OIC-04 CG-00 DOTE-00

AEC-11 AGR-20 FMC-04 JUSE-00 OMB-01 CIEP-03 CEA-02

TRSE-00 /245 W

----- 021843

O R 041557Z SEP 74

FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4802

AMEMBASSY CARACAS IMMEDIATE

INFO USMISSION USUN NEW YORK

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BONN 13953

CARACAS FOR US DEL LOS

E.O. 11652 N/A

TAGS: PLOS

SUBJECT: LOS: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP
SEABED MINING AND 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE

REF: STATE 193106 B. STATE 193107

1- THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IN THE FRG, POLITICALLY
SENSITIZED BY ITS DISPUTE WITH ICELAND AND THE RECENT
ICJ DECISION, UNILATERAL MOVES BY THE U.S. TO EXTEND ITS
FISHERIES ZONE WOULD BE VIEWED AS INCONSISTENT
WITH INTERNATIONAL LAW. INDEPENDENT AND LEFTIST PRESS
WOULD PROBABLY BE CRITICAL OF U.S. ACTION WITH CONSE-
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BONN 13953 041601Z

QUENCES THAT U.S. CREDIBILITY AS AN HISTORICAL ADHERENT

TO INTERNATIONAL LAW WOULD SUFFER, AT LEAST TEMPORARILY. FRG GOVERNMENT PROBABLY ALREADY EXPECTS ADOPTION BY LOS CONFERENCE OF 200-MILE FISHERY ZONE IN THE NEAR FUTURE, AND WOULD CONSIDER U.S. UNILATERAL ACTION WITH THE ABOVE EFFECTS UNNECESSARY. MOREOVER, THE EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THE FRG GOVERNMENT WOULD FIND IT REGRETTABLE IF, THROUGH U.S. ACTION, NUMEROUS OTHER STATES, WHOSE PRIMARY INTEREST IN LOS CONFERENCE IS FISHING-RELATED, WERE TO FOLLOW U.S. LEAD. THERE WOULD LIKELY FOLLOW A LOSS IN INTEREST IN THE LOS CONFERENCE, WITH THESE LATTER STATES ALSO LOSING INTEREST IN SUPPORTING COMMON US/FRG AIMS IN OTHER LOS AREAS.

2. CONCERNING THE DEEP SEABED BILL THAT WOULD AFFECT AN AREA NOT PRESENTLY COVERED BY INTERNATIONAL LAW, THE FRG MIGHT VIEW UNILATERAL U.S. ACTION WITH SOME SATISFACTION AS SUCH ACTION WOULD POINT OUT TO COASTAL AND LAND-LOCKED LDC'S THAT FURTHER DELAY IN AGREEMENT IN THIS AREA COULD RESULT IN MINING ACTIVITIES BY THOSE FEW STATES TECHNOLOGICALLY CAPABLE, LIKE THE FRG, OF DOING SO. ON THE OTHER HAND, FRG INDUSTRY THAT MIGHT BE INVOLVED IN DEEP SEABED MINING AND USE OF MINERALS SO MINED MIGHT BE CONCERNED AT U.S. GAINING A HEAD-START, SINCE THERE IS NO FRG LEGISLATIVE BASIS FOR THEM TO COMMENCE SUCH MINING THEMSELVES. THE FRG GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE CONCERNED THAT IF THE U.S. CUTS OUT OF THE MINORITY GROUP OF INDUSTRIAL STATES IN THIS MATTER, THE BREAK-UP OF SOLIDARITY IN THIS GROUP WOULD POSSIBLY BE EXPLOITED BY STATES WITH DIFFERENT OR OPPOSING INTERESTS IN THIS AND OTHER AREAS.
HILLENBRAND

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LAW OF THE SEA, SEABED, MINING, FISHERIES, TERRITORIAL WATERS, LAW
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 04 SEP 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: shawdg
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974BONN13953
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740244-1209
From: BONN
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740977/aaaacniw.tel
Line Count: 92
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION DLOS
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 193106 B. STATE 193107
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: shawdg
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 08 MAY 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <08 MAY 2002 by elyme>; APPROVED <27 FEB 2003 by shawdg>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: LOS: PROPOSED INTERIM LEGISLATION ON DEEP SEABED MINING AND 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE
TAGS: PLOS
To: STATE CARACAS
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005